



Idaho Crop Progress and Condition

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First Cutting of Alfalfa is Essentially Complete

Agricultural Summary

Temperatures across the state ranged from five degrees below normal to four degrees above normal for the week ending July 13. Idaho received essentially no precipitation for the week. Major agricultural activities included irrigating, spraying insects, caring for livestock, harvesting cherries, and cutting alfalfa hay.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture is estimated at 9% very short, 38% short, 53% adequate, and 0% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Field Crop Report

The small grains are well behind normal for turning color. Spring wheat turning color is estimated at 2% statewide compared to 17% for the five year average. Likewise, barley is estimated at 4% statewide compared to 23% for the five year average. The Franklin County extension educator reported that very little rain is causing concerns for the winter wheat crop. In Power County, the dryland grain is showing some moisture stress while the irrigated crops look good.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Statewide, alfalfa hay is at 94% harvested for its first cutting and its second cutting is at 19%. The Canyon County extension educator reported there is a short supply and large demand for hay.

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2008	2007	Avg.
Potato 12" High	86	99	93
Potatoes Closing Middles	35	75	66
Cherries Harvested	77	72	84
Winter Wheat Turning Color	37	74	61
Spring Wheat Boot Stage	93	99	98
Spring Wheat Turning Color	2	29	17
Barley Boot Stage	89	99	95
Barley Turning Color	4	26	23

Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Range & Pasture	2	5	23	60	10
Barley	2	4	8	80	6
Spring Wheat	1	2	11	80	6
Potato	--	1	12	79	8
Winter Wheat	--	1	11	75	13
Irr. Water Supply	--	4	22	64	10

Crop Progress District Table

Crop	North			Southwest			South Central			East			State		
	2008	2007	Avg	2008	2007	Avg	2008	2007	Avg	2008	2007	Avg	2008	2007	Avg
Spring Wheat															
Headed	41	89	87	100	100	100	96	95	97	71	95	80	68	94	85
Barley															
Headed	45	88	85	100	100	94	86	99	94	62	89	72	66	91	79
Alfalfa Hay															
1 st Cutting	97	96	93	100	100	100	97	100	99	89	99	94	94	99	97
2 nd Cutting	1	3	3	46	67	63	44	49	51	4	17	10	19	35	32

Avg (2003 – 2007); NA = Very small percentage of acreage in district.

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Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, July 13, 2008 ^{1/}

Station	Weekly Air Temperature				Weekly Precipitation		Since Mar 1 Precipitation		Growing Degree Days Since March 1		
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total Inches	DFN	Total Inches	DFN	Base 40 Total	Base 50 Total	Base 50 DFN
North											
Coeur D' Alene	89	46	66	-3	0.00	-0.21	6.70	-1.72	1512	744	-109
Grangeville	91	44	69	4	0.00	-0.28	12.24	0.68	1388	647	58
Lewiston	97	52	74	1	0.00	-0.14	2.90	-2.18	2303	1259	54
Porthill	89	43	66	1	0.02	-0.24	6.62	-0.29	1481	706	4
Winchester	88	38	63	4	0.00	-0.35	9.06	-2.18	1107	458	106
Southwest											
Boise	94	45	70	-4	0.00	-0.07	3.22	-1.34	2027	1078	-80
Emmett	96	49	72	-1	0.00	-0.07	2.99	-1.57	1949	1067	-85
Glenns Ferry	96	42	73	0	0.00	-0.07	3.35	-0.15	1962	1068	-78
Grandview	96	44	73	-3	0.00	-0.07	2.59	-0.41	2041	1125	-219
Nampa	91	55	73	1	0.00	-0.07	2.67	-1.22	2068	1128	-105
Parma	96	47	74	2	0.00	-0.07	1.63	-2.55	2167	1196	61
South Central											
Fairfield	89	35	64	-3	0.00	-0.14	2.30	-2.57	1062	427	-121
Malta	94	34	67	-3	0.00	-0.21	2.42	-2.61	1488	721	-104
Picabo	90	36	67	0	0.00	-0.10	2.03	-2.63	1378	665	64
Rupert	87	42	66	-5	0.00	-0.09	1.71	-2.23	1544	766	-91
Twin Falls	91	45	69	0	0.00	-0.07	2.32	-1.72	1670	852	16
East											
Aberdeen	90	42	66	-2	0.00	-0.14	1.54	-2.47	1469	719	6
Ashton	83	38	61	-4	0.00	-0.23	5.22	-2.57	1121	479	-36
Fort Hall	89	41	65	-4	0.00	-0.16	2.57	-2.58	1454	698	-120
Idaho Falls	93	41	67	-2	0.00	-0.14	2.53	-2.20	1482	722	-26
Lava Hot Springs	91	41	66	-4	0.00	-0.16	5.02	-0.13	1341	639	-179
Montevideo	91	36	64	-5	0.00	-0.21	1.38	-3.02	1294	575	-152
Preston	92	47	69	-1	0.00	-0.28	4.92	-1.17	1597	816	-29
Rexburg	86	35	62	-3	0.01	-0.20	2.54	-3.27	1200	501	-60

1/ Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit. Weather data prepared by AWIS, Inc. For more weather information visit www.awis.com or call 1-888-798-9955.